

THE FLORIDA SENATE
2014 SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION PASSED
Committee on Health Policy

CS/HB 323 — Pharmacy

by Health and Human Services Committee; and Reps. LaRosa, Campbell, and others (CS/CS/CS/SB 278 by Rules Committee; Regulated Industries Committee; Health Policy Committee; and Senator Grimsley)

The bill removes the cap on the number of pharmacy technicians the Board of Pharmacy may authorize one pharmacist to supervise and revises the composition of the board. The number of pharmacists representing community and Class II institutional pharmacies is increased from a minimum of one in each category, to a minimum of two each. The bill directs the Governor to appoint members reflecting the new composition as current members' terms expire or when a vacancy occurs.

The bill authorizes pharmacists to administer the meningococcal vaccine under physician protocol and removes the requirement for a pharmacist to have a prescription from a physician to administer the shingles vaccine.

The bill revises the format for written prescriptions for controlled substances by permitting the date to be in numeric month/day/year format or the month written out in whole, and by removing the requirement that the quantity and date appear on the face of the prescription.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect July 1, 2014.

Vote: Senate 38-0; House 111-0